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MINIMUM NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE AND PRESCRIBED HOURS OF LABOUR FOR EMPLOYEES IN  
AUSTRALIA AT 30TH JUNE, 1958

(Rates of Wage are quoted from Awards, Determinations or Agreements operative  
at 30th June, 1958)

ADULT MALES

Industry & Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source (a)
WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS, ETC.				
	s. d.			
<u>COOPERING</u> -				
Cooper	343/-	40		Coopers Award (Commonwealth)
<u>FURNITURE</u> -				
Cabinet Maker	346/-	"		
Chairmaker	346/-	"		
French Polisher	346/-	"		
Wood Carver	346/-	"		
Wood Machinist	346/-	"		
<u>SAWMILLING &amp; TIMBER YDS.</u>				
Box and Case Maker	308/-	"		
Labourer	282/-	"		
Machinist -				
Boult's Carver	338/-	"		
Moulding	338/-	"		
Planing	338/-	"		
Shaping	338/-	"		
Orderman	316/-	"		
Sawyer -				
Band or Jig	343/-	"		
Circular	335/-	"		
Tallyman	311/-	"		
ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.				
<u>BOILERMAKING</u> -				
Boilermaker	343/-	40		
Helper	291/-	"	Assisting an employee whose margin is 27/6 or more	
			With not less than 3 months experience	
Labourer	277/-	"		
<u>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION</u>				
Electrical Mechanic	355/-	"		Electricians (State) Award
<u>ELECTRICAL SUPPLY</u>				
Electrical Fitter	401/-	"	Includes 15/- Power Station Allowance	
Instrument Maker	425/-	"	" " " "	
Linesman	386/-	"	"A" Grade	
Sub Station Maintenance Fitter	404/-	"		

(a) Commonwealth-refers to awards etc. of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission. State-refers to awards of the Industrial Commission of New South Wales.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SIDNEY, 30TH JUNE, 1958 - (Cont'd.)

Industry & Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<b>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC. (Cont'd.)</b>				
ENGINEERING -	s. d.			
Blacksmith	345/-	40		
Brassfinisher	343/-	"	Tradesman	)
Coppersmith	345/-	"		)
Fitter	343/-	"		)
Labourer	277/-	"	With not less than 3 months experience	)
Patternmaker	365/-	"		)
Shaper	343/-	"	Machinist 1st Class	)
Striker	295/-	"	On double fires	)
Turner	343/-	"		)
FOUNDRY -				
Coremakers-machine	318/-	"	After 18 months experience	)
Coremakers - jobbing	343/-	"		)
Dressers	315/6	"	Shot and Sand blast-other	Metal Trades Award (Commonwealth)
Furnacemen	313/-	"		)
Moulders - machine	318/-	"	Cupola	)
Moulders - jobbing	343/-	"	After 18 months experience	)
SHEET METAL WORKING -				
Canister Maker	298/-	"		)
Machinist	290/-	"	By hand Power = not elsewhere specified	)
Solderer	293/-	"		)
Sheet metal worker 1st Class	343/-	"		)
Sheet metal worker 2nd Class	318/-	"		)
<b>FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO ETC.</b>				
BAKING (BREAD) -				
Board Hand	357/-	40		) Bakers (Cumberland)
Ovensman	365/6	"		) Award (State)
Single Hand	362/-	"		)
Bread Carter	334/-	"		Bread Carters (Cumberland) Award (State)
BAKING (BISCUITS AND CAKES) -				
Baker	325/-	"		) Biscuit and Cake
Labourer	292/6	"		) Makers
Mixer	312/6	"	Production line Dough or Syrup	) (State) Award
BREWING -				
Cellarman	318/-	"		) The Liquor Trades
Driver (Motor 3 tons)	332/-	"		) (Breweries) Award
Labourer	318/-	"		) (Commonwealth)
Malt Hand	318/-	"		)
Towerman	325/-	"		)
BUTCHERING (RETAIL) -				
Carter (1 horse)	311/-	"		) The Meat Industry
General Butcher	343/-	"	Acts as shopman or is principally engaged in cutting for window display	(Shops & Smallgoods Factories) Award (Commonwealth)
Shopman	343/-	"		)
Smallgoodsman	343/-	"	Employed principally on mixing machines and/or responsible for making small-goods	)

## WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SYDNEY, 30TH JUNE, 1958 - (Cont'd.)

Industry & Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO ETC., (Cont'd.)				
CONFECTORY -	s. d.			
Confectioner (Grade 1)	331/-	40	Highest grade	Confectioners (State) Award
Storeman	314/-	"		Storemen & Packers (No elsewhere included) (State) Award
JAM MAKING -				
General Labourer	287/-	"	With 4 months or more experience	Food Preservers Award (Commonwealth)
Solderer	292/-	"		)
MEAT PACKING -				
Capper	332/-	"		)
Guillotine Hand	311/-	"		) Meat Preservers etc. (State) Award
Jokerman	325/-	"		)
Packer	311/-	"		)
Seamer	332/-	"		)
MILLING (FLOUR)				
Miller (Shift)	385/-	"	In charge of a shift in mill exceeding 10,000 lb. flour per hour	Flour Millers Award (Commonwealth)
Packerman	323/-	"		)
Purifierman	327/6	"		)
Smutterman	327/6	"		)
Storeman (Head)	338/-	"	With power to engage or dismiss hands	)
Topman	327/6	"		)
PASTRYCOOKING -				
Packer	307/-	"		) Pastrycooks etc.
Pastrycock	351/-	"		) (State) Award
CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.				
BOOTMAKING -				
Clicker	317/-	40	Clicking outside (other than felt, fabric roans or splits)	Footwear Manufacturing Industry Award (Commonwealth)
TAILORING (ORDER) -				
Cutter	424/-	"	Cutting Suits to order other than chart	Cutters, Merchant Tailors, etc. (Cumberland & Newcastle) Award (State)
Presser	320/-	"		)
Tailor	321/-	"		)
TAILORING (READYMADE) -				
Cutter	336/-	"		) Clothing Trades Award
Presser	320/-	"		) (Commonwealth)
Tailor	331/-	"		)
Trimmer	320/-	"		)
TEXTILE WORKING (WOOLLEN MILLS) -				
Carder	295/-	"	Balling-up card operator	)
Dyehouseman	295/-	"		) Textile Industry (Wollen & Worsted
Labourer (General)	266/-	"		) Section)
Scourer (Wool)	304/6	"	Responsible for mixing of liquor & working of bowls	) Award (Commonwealth)
Spinner	295/-	"		)
Loom Tenter	333/-	"	Jacquard loom after 2 years experience	)
Warper (Plain)	298/-	"		)

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SYDNEY, 30TH JUNE, 1958 - (Cont'd.)

Industry & Occupation	Wage Rate s. d.	Hours	Remarks	Source
BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.				
<b>BOOKBINDING -</b>				
Finisher	343/-	40		
Bookbinder	343/-	"		
Paper Ruler	343/-	"		
<b>PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPER) -</b>				
Compositor (Machine) -				
Day Work	434/-	"		
Night Work	454/-	"		
Machinist (First Hand) -				
Day Work	389/-	"		
Night Work	409/-	"		
Publisher -				
Day Work	364/-	"		
Night Work	384/-	"		
Reader -				
Day Work	399/-	"		
Night Work	419/-	"		
Stereotyper -				
Day Work	389/-	"		
Night Work	409/-	"		
<b>PRINTING (JOBMING OFFICES) -</b>				
Compositor	365/6	"		
Linotype Operator	365/6	"		
Machinist	343/-	"	c.g.letterpress machinist	The Graphic Arts Award
Reader	350/6	"		(Commonwealth)
Stereotyper	343/-	"		
OTHER MANUFACTURING				
<b>BRICKMAKING -</b>				
Burner	322/6	40	Down draught or open kilns	Brickmakers and Assistants (State) Award
Pitman	337/6	"		
Drawer	344/6	"		
Trucker	333/-	"	Continucus kilns	
Setter	344/6	"	Brick Wheeler	
<b>VEHICLE BUILDING -</b>				
Bodymaker, 1st Class	343/-	"		
Labourer	271/-	"		
Painter	335/6	"	Spray painter on coats other than priming	Vehicle Industry Award
Springfitter	343/-	"		(Commonwealth)
Trimmer	335/6	"	Sectional trimmer when working on bodies	
Wheelwright	343/-	"		
<b>GAS-MAKING AND SUPPLY -</b>				
Coke Trimmer	300/-	"	In retort house	Gas Employees Award (Commonwealth)
Gasfitter	367/-	"		Australian Gaslight Company (Wages Division) (State) Award
Labourer	311/-	"		
Meter Tester	323/-	"	Construction Gang After 12 months experience	Gas Employees Award
Service Layer	328/-	"		(Commonwealth)
Service Layer's Labourer	297/-	"		
Operator retort house	318/-	"	Vertical retort house	
<b>JEWELLERY -</b>				
Chainmaker	344/-	"	In precious metals	Jewellers and
Mounter	359/-	"	) By hand, in precious	Metal Badge
Setter	359/-	"	) metals other than	Workers (State)
			) silver	) Award

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SYDNEY, 30TH JUNE, 1958 - (Cont'd.)

Industry & Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING (Cont'd.)</u>				
LEATHER & CANVAS WORK --				
Canvas Worker	320/-	40	Requiring hand sewing of ropes using palm & needle	) The Saddlery ) Leather and Canvas ) Workers Award ) (Commonwealth) )
Leather Worker	320/-	"	Clicker and/or hand cutter	)
TANNING AND CURRYING --				
Beamsman	321/6	"		)
Labourer	291/6	"		)
Lime Jobber	319/6	"		) The Tanning ) Industry Award ) (Commonwealth)
Machinist --				
Shaving	329/-	"	New machine-double width (wet)	)
Splitting	346/6	"	Big splitting machines ex limes	)
Unhairing	321/6	"		)
Tableman	322/6	"		)
<u>BUILDING *</u>				
Bricklayer (Surface)	378/4	40		) Carpenters ) and Joiners
Bricklayer (Sewer and Tunnel)	398/4	"		) and Bricklayers
Carpenter	385/-	"		) (State) Award
Mason (Stone)	376/-	"		Stonemasons (State) Award
Painter	373/4	"		)
Paperhanger	373/4	"		) Painters etc.
Signwriter	388/4	"		) (State) Award
Plasterer (Surface)	383/4	"		Plasterers (State) Award
Plumber	390/4	"		Plumbers and Gas fitters (State) Award
Labourer --				
Bricklayer's	318/4	"		)
Carpenter's	318/4	"		) Builders' Labourers -
Concrete Workers	318/4	"	Ordinary	) Builders Labourers ) (Construction on site)
Earth Excavator	318/4	"		) Award -
Gear Worker	329/2	"		) (Commonwealth)
Scaffold Hand	329/2	"	Skilled	)
<u>RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES</u>				
RAILWAYS				
Engine Driver Loco --				
Steam, diesel electric or electric	409/-	Ø		)
Express Mail or Passenger	424/-	Ø		) Locomotive ) Enginemen's
Shunting Engine	364/-	Ø		) Award
Fireman				) (Commonwealth)
Ordinary	326/6	Ø		)
Express Mail or Passenger	334/-	Ø		)
Shunting Engine	307/6	Ø		)
Guard				
1st Class	352/-	Ø		) Railway Traffic
2nd Class	328/-	Ø		) Permanent Way and
Porter	307/-	Ø		) Signalling Wages Staff ) Award - (Commonwealth)

\* Rates are weekly equivalents of hourly rates. They include allowances for leave, holidays, following the job, etc.

Ø 80 hours per fortnight.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SYDNEY, 30TH JUNE, 1958 - (Cont'd.)

Industry & Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<b>RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES (Cont'd.)</b>				
<b>RAILWAYS (Cont'd.)</b>				
Shunter -				
Head	412/-	+	Special class	)
Leading	370/6	+	Senior-first class	) Railway Traffic
Ordinary	328/-	+	After 2 years experience	) Permanent Way and
Signalman				) Signalling Wages Staff
1st Class	390/6	+		) Award - (Commonwealth)
2nd Class	375/6	Ø		)
3rd Class	364/-	Ø		)
<b>TRAMWAYS</b>				
Conductor -				
1st Year	299/-	Ø		) N.S.W. Tramways and
2nd Year and thereafter	314/-	Ø		) Omnibus
Labourer	297/-	Ø		) Award -
Track Repairer	310/-	Ø	First Class	) (Commonwealth)
Tram driver	326/6	Ø		)
Pitman	326/6	Ø		)
<b>TRANSPORT (OTHER)</b>				
<b>CARRYING MERCHANDISE -</b>				
Carter -				
1 Horse	310/-	40		)
2 Horses	319/-	"		) Carters and
Stable Hand	310/6	"		) Motor Waggon
Motor Lorries and Waggons -				) Drivers
3 tons	337/-	"		) (State) Award
Over 3 tons but under 6 tons	350/6	"		)
<b>WHARF LABOUR -</b>				
Wharf Labourer (per hour)	10/4			Waterside Workers Award - (Commonwealth)
<b>HOTELS, ETC.</b>				
<b>HOTELS -</b>				
Barman	308/-	40		)
Billiard Marker	288/-	"		) Liquor Trades
Cook	383/-	"	First Cook - 8 or more persons employed in kitchen	) (Hotel and Wine Saloons) Award - (Commonwealth)
Handyman	288/-	"		)
Kitchenman	288/-	"		)
Porter	288/-	"		)
Waiter	283/-	"		)
<b>HAIRDRESSING -</b>				
Hairdresser	344/-	"	Ladies' and Men's	Male Hairdressers (State) Award
<b>GENERAL LABOUR</b>				
<b>FACTORY ENGINE DRIVING -</b>				
Engine Driver -				
1st Class	331/-	40	With Condenser	)
2nd Class	320/6	"	"     "	) Engine Drivers
Fireman -				) and Firemen's
1st Class	313/-	"		) (General) Award
2nd Class	300/6	"		) (Commonwealth)
<b>MUNICIPAL -</b>				
Labourer	337/-	"	Labourer - General	) Sydney City
Street Sweeper	343/-	"	Labourer - 3rd Grade	) Council Agreement ) (State)

Ø 80 hours per fortnight.

+ 76 hours per fortnight.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES AND FEMALES, SYDNEY, 30TH JUNE, 1958 (Cont'd.)

Industry & Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
GENERAL LABOUR (Cont'd.)				
SHOP ASSISTANTS -	s. d.			
Boot Salesman	336/-	40	At 23 years of age & over	
Drapery Salesman	336/-	"	" " " " "	
Furniture Salesman	336/-	"	" " " " "	
Grocery Salesman	336/-	"	" " " " "	
Hardware Salesman	336/-	"	" " " " "	
Men's Clothing Salesman	336/-	"	" " " " "	
STOREMEN AND PACKERS -				
Packer (General)	314/-	"		
Storeman (General)	314/-	"		
ADULT FEMALES				
FOOD				
BISCUIT MAKING	207/4	40	At 21 years of age & over	Biscuit & Cake Makers (State) Award
CONFECTIONERY	219/6	"		Confectioners (State) Award
CLOTHING AND TEXTILES				
BOOTMAKING	217/6	40		Footwear Manufacturers Award (Commonwealth)
DRESSMAKING READYMADE -				
Cutter	236/6	"		
MILLINERY - Cutter	236/6	"		
SHIRT MAKING - Cutter	236/6	"		
UNDERCLOTHING - Cutter	236/6	"		
TAILLORING (MEN'S) ORDER -				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	236/6	"		Clothing Trades
Trousers & Vest Hand	222/-	"		Award (Commonwealth)
Tailoress	257/6	"		
Adult Female	201/6	"		
TAILLORING (MEN'S)				
READYMADE -				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	225/-	"		
Trousers & Vest Hand	219/-	"		
Adult Female	201/6	"		
TEXTILE WORKING WOOLLEN MILLS -				
Comb Minder	215/6	"		
Larner and Mender	220/6	"	After 6 months experience	Textile Industry
Warper, Plain	217/6	"	" " " "	(Woollen and
Weaver, (Loom)	220/6	"	" " " "	Worsted
Gillbox Minder	213/6	"	" " " "	Section) Award -
Other Adult	199/6	"	" " " "	(Commonwealth)
BOOKS, PRINTING, ETC.				
BOOKBINDING -				
Folder	225/-	40		
Sewer	225/-	"		
CARDBOARD BOX -				
Boxmaker	223/-	"	When boxes are covered with paper	
Other	213/6	"		
PRINTING -				
Jobbing Office Assistant	225/-	"		Graphic Arts Award (Commonwealth)
HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS				
HOTELS -				
Barmaid	238/6	40		
Housemaid	218/-	"		
Launderess	219/-	"		
Waitress - Head	225/-	"		
Other	218/-	"		

## WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT FEMALES, SYDNEY, 30TH JUNE, 1958 - (Cont'd.)

Industry & Occupation	Wage Rate s. d.	Hours	Remarks	Source
HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS (Cont'd.)				
RESTAURANTS -				
Pantry Maid	213/-	40		) Restaurant etc.
Waitress	213/-	"		) Employees Award (State)
SHOPS, ETC.				
CLERKS -				
Cashiers (Shops)	245/-	40		) Shop Assistants etc.
Clerical Assistants	237/6	"		) (Metro)
SHOPS				) Award (State)
Boot Saleswoman	336/-	"	Men's and Youths' Footwear	Shop Assistants etc. (Metropolitan)
Drapery Saleswoman	336/-	"		) (Award (State))
Fruit and Confectionery Saleswoman	237/6	"		Shop Assistants, Confectioners, etc. (State) Award
Newsagent and Bookstall Saleswoman	245/-	"		Shop Assistants, etc. (Metropolitan) Award (State).

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